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On Behalf Of:

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As a patient of Providence Portland, I am writing to oppose the attempt to spin off its nonprofit home health, hospice and community palliative care programs into a joint for-profit enterprise run by private-equity-owned Compassus. Right now, this Providence/Compassus joint venture is being reviewed by Oregon's Health Care Market Oversight program.

For-profit, private equity healthcare generally leads to higher prices, lower access and worse healthcare. The bottom line: Partnering with private-equity will lead to higher costs and worse care. As a worker in the health care field, I have personally witnessed the erosion in the quality of care and increase in costs to patients when for-profit entities take over public services. I urge you to stand up for the people of Oregon in opposing this bad deal that will put profits over the people who need vital healthcare services.

Thank you for supporting people over profits.

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